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FOR THE SEASON'S HOTTEST JEWELRY, TURN TO THESE METRO DETROIT DESIGNERS

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My House of Style

"I thought there was a definite lack of supply to individuals in the city who were looking for independent-based designs that provided hip and couture-type jewelry," says Diane Harris, founder and CEO of My House of Style, on the founding of her company. Starting with a mailing list of 100 people, her jewelry line has grown to serve local and national clients, including celebrities such as Jennifer Hudson.

With a studio in her home, Harris can invite her clients to come to her house and relax. "I am living the dream I had for myself," she says. "I can create and have customers come over, try on jewelry and have coffee and lunch."

Harris embraces the creativity of her collection, which includes an eclectic blend of trendy, classic and vintage pieces. "We are not locked into one particular look. It's all about the mix. I don't want to have the same look as everybody else, so I present something a bit different."

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Ansley Parker

Tannisha Reid's foray into jewelry design was a happy accident. One day, her artist boyfriend, now her husband, bought a bag of beads from a shop that was closing. While he painted, Reid tinkered with the beads, and Ansley Parker was born.

"My early work really was an outpouring of all the things I wanted in jewelry but had never been able to find," Reid says of her line, which is named for an elegant Georgian neighborhood. "The line shares that sense of timelessness. It has a contemporary feel, but it's definitely not trendy."

Since founding the line in Ann Arbor in 2003, Reid says she has seen Ansley Parker's popularity grow as much with college professors as college students. "So we're designing for every woman," she says, "for every woman who believes in treating herself to a bit of well-deserved luxury."

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Suzanne White Designs

Designing jewelry for a decade, Suzanne White creates sophisticated, classic pieces that have a trendy edge and a timeless appeal. With a following in both Toronto and the United States, the Birmingham-based designer focuses on her creative inspiration, quality materials and the latest trends when creating her pieces.

"My jewelry is both material and fashion driven," she says. With materials including semi-precious stones, freshwater pearls, crystals and chains, White keeps up with the trends by creating both custom-made and inventory-based designs. "My jewelry has to be very wearable and particular in quality."

As a designer, White is happy to create jewelry with the understanding that accessories can make or break an outfit. She also enjoys helping her customers look and feel their best. "It is nice to have that eye that can help others accessorize accordingly," she says.

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